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FOR A VEHICLE AND A METHOD OF)
RECOGNIZING AN OPENING/CLOSING)
OPERATION OF A VEHICLE DOOR)

FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

European Patent Publication No. 1 006 028. This document is discussed on page one of the present application.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-160897. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page one of the present application.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-45593. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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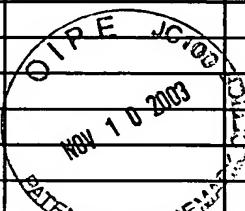
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